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19 AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) 19.1 INTRODUCTION AFIS is a laboratory instrument that can be used to perform searches of the Virginia state database of latent prints and deceased fingerprints, provide candidate lists and images for comparison and any subsequent identification in those cases received and selected for AFIS processing. The use of the AFIS instrumentation is a highly technical and complex undertaking. Training in the use and application of this equipment is contained in the AFIS Training Manual. Technical case requirements are also contained in the AFIS Training Manual. All latent prints that are of AFIS quality and have not been identified with known fingerprints will be run on AFIS. The latent prints may also be run on IAFIS (the Federal database) at examiners discretion or agency request. **♦**End